THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No arrest has been made in this case till 30.4.2007 and the same is still under investigation with the State Police.

(c) "Compensation is paid only after a decree is awarded on claim filed in the Railway Claims Tribunal by the victims or by dependents of the deceased passengers. No compensation claim has been filed so far. However, Railways have also announced *ex-gratia* relief of Rs. 10 lakhs to the next of kin of each of the deceased and of Rs. 50,000/-to each of the injured victims. So far, Rs. 131.75 lakhs have been disbursed as *ex-gratia*."

Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority

3330. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of his Ministry to establish a Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority to put railway fares on the rational basis, because overcharged freight migrates to road and overcharged passengers to air; and

(b) if so, by when it is expected to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Cuisines of international standard in trains

3331. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to offer different cuisines in the running trains and with international standard for cleanliness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Varied regional cuisines are being

served in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains and standard casserole meals in other Mail/Express trains keeping in mind the taste of the majority of passengers travelling in these trains. Besides variety of regional cuisines are introduced in a-la-carte items in Mail/Express trains. The steps taken to ensure international standard for cleanliness and quality catering services includes obtaining ISO certification, conduction of food audit by professional agency and special cleanliness and hygiene drive in pantry cars etc.

Naming of Sarapaka station as Bhadradri

3332. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for naming of new railway station Sarapaka as Bhadradri;

(b) if so, the time likely to be taken to clear this proposal; and

(c) the reasons for delay in giving clearance to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Accidents due to human errors

†3333. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents occurred due to human errors during the last three years;

(b) the loss of life and property suffered in the said accidents;

(c) whether Government have started use of Accident Collision Device to prevent such accidents;

(d) if so, the zone where it is being used; and

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